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ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is promoting organic farming on priority as a part of its efforts to make agriculture a sustainable, environment-friendly and remunerative proposition for small hill farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievement made so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government is promoting organic farming since 2001-02 through centrally sponsored scheme; namely, Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) which was also extended to cover Himalayan States during 2003-04. Details of the HMNEH is annexed.

Since inception, achievements of this Mission are as under:

Adoption of organic farming in 30610(ha)
Organic Certification - 514 (Nos.)
Vermi-compost unit - 2165 (Nos.)